

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 8 April 2008 TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Committee-I: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair), John W. Flynn, Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Robert J. Quigley, DC (Chair), Robert Ricci, Larry Ross

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, MD, Robert Whiteside

Excused: Edward F. Almon, Robert S.L. Kinder, MD

Committee-II: Present: Wallace Gernt, Maria Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Staff: Valentina Adamova, Loreen Angell, Michael K. Dexter, Robert Marshall, PhD., Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. **Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability**

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the timeframe provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Flynn, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ricci, Ross.

2. **General Order of Business**

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Rhode Island Hospital** for a Certificate of Need to establish pediatric and adult bone marrow transplantation services.

The Committee was provided with a compilation of key documents and correspondence and Rhode Island Hospital (RIH) and Roger Williams Medical Center (RWMC) shared closing statements summarizing their viewpoints.

The Committee discussed the application and the need for pediatric and adult beds. The Committee considered options of approving the pediatric beds with an opportunity for the applicant to obtain adult beds in 2 years after meeting certain criteria.

Mr. Flynn made a motion deny the application because the applicant failed to demonstrate the need for the proposal, the proposed collaboration and cooperation is based on the competitive model, and the review criteria for need and affordability has not been met. Mr. Ricci seconded the motion.

Mr. Ross made a motion to add in pediatric beds to the previous motion. Mr. Madden seconded the motion. There was discussion and Mr. Ross withdrew his motion.

Mr. Madden made a motion to table Mr. Flynn's motion to deny the application. Mr. Ross seconded the motion to table. The motion to table failed by a vote of two in favor and three opposed (2-3). Those members voting in favor of the motion to table were: Madden and Ross. Those members voting in opposition to the motion to table were: Flynn, Quigley and Ricci.

Mr. Madden asked the applicant to confirm that there is no circumstance under which the applicant would consider proceeding just on pediatric beds and if so, why? Mr. Vecchione said that is correct and it is based on the advice of the clinical experts, Dr. Schwartz, and others.

The Committee voted on Mr. Flynn's motion to deny the application. The motion passed by a vote of six in favor, none opposed and one recusal (6-0-1) to recommended denial of the application. Those members voting in favor of denial were: Flynn, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ricci, Ross. Those members recusing were: Almeida.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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